

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 892
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael L. Cole for his meritorious service as Deputy Commissioner and Legislative Liaison for the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding public servants who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Michael L. Cole is one such estimable person who has served the State of Tennessee with probity and integrity for 26 years, the last 18 years with the Tennessee Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, born in Crossville, Tennessee, Mr. Cole graduated from Tennessee Technological University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting; he was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant and went to work for the Comptroller of the Treasury in 1976; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1984, Michael Cole transferred to the Tennessee Department of Revenue, assuming the duties of Director of Internal Audit; he also served adroitly as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Revenue from March 1986 to August 1986, as Assistant Commissioner for Operations from August 1986 through December 1991, as

Assistant Commissioner for Support Services from December 1991 through September 1992, and again as Assistant Commissioner for Operations from September 1992 through March 1993; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cole assumed his present role of Deputy Commissioner of Revenue and Legislative Liaison in April of 1993, and has served with distinction in this essential post for the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cole exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he married the former Glenda Seagraves, also from Crossville, in 1974, and they are the proud parents of Allison, a freshman at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and Keri, a junior at Wilson Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cole is an active and dedicated member of Two Rivers Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon; an avid reader, he is also an outdoorsman and sports enthusiast, who enjoys racquetball, football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cole has been a loyal and dedicated public servant and state official for twenty-six years; during his career he has always striven to provide leadership in government and exemplary service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2002, Commissioner Cole will leave state government to accept the position of Executive Director of the Tennessee Health Care Association; the same outstanding abilities which have proven to be of such benefit to the State of Tennessee will assure his success in this new role; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Michael Cole has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; he has offered unfailing and valuable service to the members of this General Assembly and his absence will be keenly felt; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we extend to Michael L. Cole our best wishes for every success and satisfaction in his new position and in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.